

# The Democrat.

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For Governor, 1904,  
**HON. JOSEPH W. FOLK,**  
Circuit Attorney of St. Louis.

The Folk interests are moving along very nicely, thank you.

If Senator Sullivan's guilt made Frank Farris sick, what will his own trial do for him?

An organization has been formed in Sedalia to fight the disease of glanders through the state.

So many Folk Clubs are being formed throughout the state that it is hard to keep track of half of them.

The specific charge on which a man was convicted in an Ozark court Saturday was "raising hell while full."

Pleasant Hill is so crowded that it is almost impossible to find boarding places, not to speak of renting houses.

Rats have invaded the corn fields near Hughesville and are damaging the crop. They climb the stalks and devour the corn.

"Turn the rascals out" will be a better slogan for the Democratic party in 1904 than it was in 1876, if things just keep developing.

An old citizen of Braymer recently attempted to beat a snake to death with a loaded gun. The man received decent burial. The snake got away.

Jacob Maddox, who lives near Auxvasse, has a pair of linen trousers that are sixty years old. In that length of time they have been in style about thirty times.

If developments keep on developing it will be hard to tell which branch of the government does not need renovating. Teddy will have to hurry, if he cleans them all up.

A bolt of lightning struck a Missouri mule on the heel over in Henry county Monday night. The mule was not seriously hurt, but the lightning hasn't been located.

Governor Yates of Illinois, the machine governor, is going to fight for re-election minus the machine next year. He found too many cogs broken to risk the old thing.

The opposition papers are already terming Bryan as a better a year ahead of the National Democratic convention. That sounds funny, for a man whom they claim dead.

Senator Frank Farris was too sick to attend trial at Jefferson City recently when his case was brought up for trial, but attended to business in Steeleville as usual. The physician who presented a certificate of disability to the court would probably stand on his constitutional rights, if there were to be any question asked as to the legitimacy of Farris' sickening certificate.

## Why Folk should be Governor.

The following extracts from an editorial in a recent issue of the Richmond Review places Joseph W. Folk before the people of the state in exactly the light which fits the honest public mind to-day:

"The State of Missouri is on trial. The eyes of the world are upon her. She has a chance to show that she is in earnest in her efforts to punish the bribe givers and bribe takers. The result of the next election hinges on this point. The democratic party has been in power now for a number of years. The republicans have tried every trick and artifice known to politics to wrest the control of the state from them. Abuse and slander, fair means and foul have been resorted to but without effect.

"The recent scandals have given them fresh material and they are using it to all the advantage they can. What the democracy must do is to nominate a man who can be relied upon to continue the work of ferreting out the criminals. There are many men in Missouri who are good gubernatorial timber at any other line. This is an exceptional case. It is now or never with the democracy of Missouri. Other states look to this for guidance political and now we are standing a test. We have always prided ourselves on our sturdy party and now we must do something to keep up our past record. What we want is a man whom we know can do the duty imposed upon him.

"Missouri has no dearth of great and good men. They are abundant but she has only one Folk. The other candidates are worthy to be governor but a man who has been tried and found true is the one needed on this occasion. To the defeated ones we say, despair not. The star of hope still shines brightly. There will be other times to elect a governor and then is your chance. The state of Missouri is on trial and your ambitions must not be the cause of a conviction or hung jury. Duty before personal preferences. With Folk she will pass the test and retain her place at the head of the commonwealths of the nation."

## Two Public Hearings.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of the State Department after due consideration of the "Railroad Commissioner's Maximum Freight Schedule," have decided to hold two meetings to give the people of the state a fair chance to discuss the important subject, and have issued the following, over the signatures of W. E. McCully, chairman, J. E. Rice and John A. Knott, attested by T. M. Bradbury, secretary:

"The matter of reducing and re-adjusting the railroad freight rates of Missouri has been under consideration by this Department for the past four months. During that period the rates prevailing in other States have been examined, compared and compiled; the cost, earnings and operating expenses of Missouri roads have been looked into, and the conclusion has been reached that the people of this State are entitled to a substantial reduction in rates.

"In order to be entirely fair, before promulgating the 'Railroad Commissioners' Maximum Freight Schedule,' it has been determined to hold public hearings at the Coates House, Kansas City, October 6th to 9th,

inclusive; and Southern Hotel, St. Louis, October 12 to 16, inclusive, beginning at 9:30 a. m. each day, at which time both the railroads and the public will be given an opportunity to be heard. It is especially important that shippers attend these meetings that this Board may be made acquainted with their views in the premises, and for this reason hearing will be held in the cities named so as to enable the greatest number possible to be present and at the least expense."

## Duty First.

The decision of Joseph W. Folk to cancel most of his engagements to deliver speeches this fall and devote his entire attention to the work of prosecuting hoodlums, in which he is now engaged, will meet general approval on the part of the people, however anxious they may be to see him and hear him speak.

Mr. Folk is right. If he stands faithfully at his post and continues the work of pushing prosecutions in the future as he has done in the past nothing can stop his growing popularity with the masses even though they are denied the privilege of meeting him and hearing him discuss the vital issues of the day. His decision to stand at his post of duty, in spite of pressing invitations to enter a campaign for the office of Governor, is in keeping with the character of the man, and can not fail to win admiration from all reasonable men.—Linneus Bulletin.

Rube Oglesby, the Warrensburg brakeman who has become noted in connection with the Supreme Court decision against him, is now an avowed candidate for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, and will likely command a big following for obvious reasons. He will risk his chances before the Democratic State Convention.

A Grundy county paper tells of two little boys who asked their mother if they might play store in the dining room. "Yes," she replied, if you don't make much noise." "We'll be quiet about it, mom," said one. "We'll be storekeepers who don't advertise."

# HOUSE CLEANING.

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RESOURCES.	
Cash and Exchange.....	\$ 82,293 15
Loans and Discounts.....	184,047 90
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,735 48
Total.....	\$271,136 53
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 30,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	14,813 95
Bills payable and re-discounts.....	24,139 06
Deposits.....	202,193 52
Total.....	\$271,136 53

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A. L. ROSS, President.

WILL L. STEPHENS, Cashier.